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UMC Chief Pilot, Aviation Instructor Michael Vivion Earns Master Instructor Renewal

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CROOKSTON, MN (May 19, 2006) University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Chief Pilot Michael Mike Vivion is one of only eight aviation educators in the state to have his master instructor title. He recently earned renewal of his Master Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI) accreditation, which identifies outstanding "Teachers of Flight" who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community.

Vivion, who came to UMC in December 2005, is part of a very select group, one of only eight pilots statewide and one of only 500 in the nation to have achieved this distinction. He has been a Master CFI since 2002. Vivion also now serves as president of the International Association of Natural Resource Pilots and is a prolific aviation writer. He secured his renewal from the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), a professional aviation education group.

The Master CFI designation is a national accreditation recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) earned through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially. This process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other industry practitioners to enhance their knowledge base while increasing professionalism.

NAFI is dedicated to providing support and recognition for aviation educators while helping them raise and maintain their level of professionalism. For more info on the master instructor program, call 303-485-8136 or visit [www.NAFInet.org](http://www.NAFInet.org).

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) natural resources aviation program provides, along with an excellent, well-accredited staff, strong fundamentals, state-of-the-art technology, and a friendly atmosphere to help students earn their wings. UMC is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution, dedicated to learning, discovery, and engagement in the northwest Minnesota region and beyond. To learn more about degree programs, visit [www.UMCrookston.edu](http://www.UMCrookston.edu).

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